

## Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality Wetlands Section

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**Closing Date:** 

September 22, 2010

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

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Corps of Engineers ID Number: Not Available

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

1. Applicant:

Mr. Larry Garatoni

2. Agent:

4100 Edison Lakes Parkway, Ste. 260

Mishawaka, IN 46545

3. Project location:

NE 1/4 Section 8, Township 37 North, Range 4 East, Osceola USGS Quadrangle Map

Project is located at 1224 Vistula Road, east of Bittersweet Rd., on the south bank of the St. Joseph River, in

Osceola, St. Joseph County

4. Affected waterbody:

St. Joseph River

5. Project Description:

The applicant proposes to install steel sheet piling, to extend 2'-6" above the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the river, across the entire 240' of frontage of the St. Joseph River on his property. Glacial stone is proposes to be placed in the water, up to the top of the sheet piling, for 146' of the 240' of proposed sheet piling. The glacial stone is proposed to have a slope of 1:1 and the footprint of the water on the bottom of the river will vary between 2'-6" wide and 3'-6" wide. In order to provide a walkway and access to the river, for a 45' length of the river bank the sheet piling is proposed to bump out 5' into the river with 45-degree returns back to the bank at both ends, for a total length of approximately 55' of "bump out." The remaining 185' of sheet piling will be placed 6" out from the bank; all sheet piling is proposed to be backfilled with sand and gravel. A 25' long and a second 10' long cantilevered pier are proposed to be located on the 5' wide "bump-out" access walkway. To the west of the 5' wide "bump-out" walkway, 40' of river bank has been designated as a swimming/river access area and no glacial stone is proposed to be installed in front of the steel sheet piling at either the 40' swimming area or in front of the 55' long "bump-out" walkway. The steel sheet piling is proposed due to significant bank undercutting due to wave erosion and to allow for bank access along the steep banks. Construction of the sheet piling and cantilevered piers will require at least one piece of heavy machinery work from within the river. The machine is proposed to be lowered by a crane into the river. Construction is proposed to be completed during drawdown of the river, scheduled by Indiana Michigan Power between September 23 and October 11th, when the river bed will be dry. If all required permits are not received in time to work in this window, equipment is proposed to be placed onto temporary timber mats on the river bed. The equipment will be lifted back out with the crane when construction is completed.

## Comment period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

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## Public Hearing:

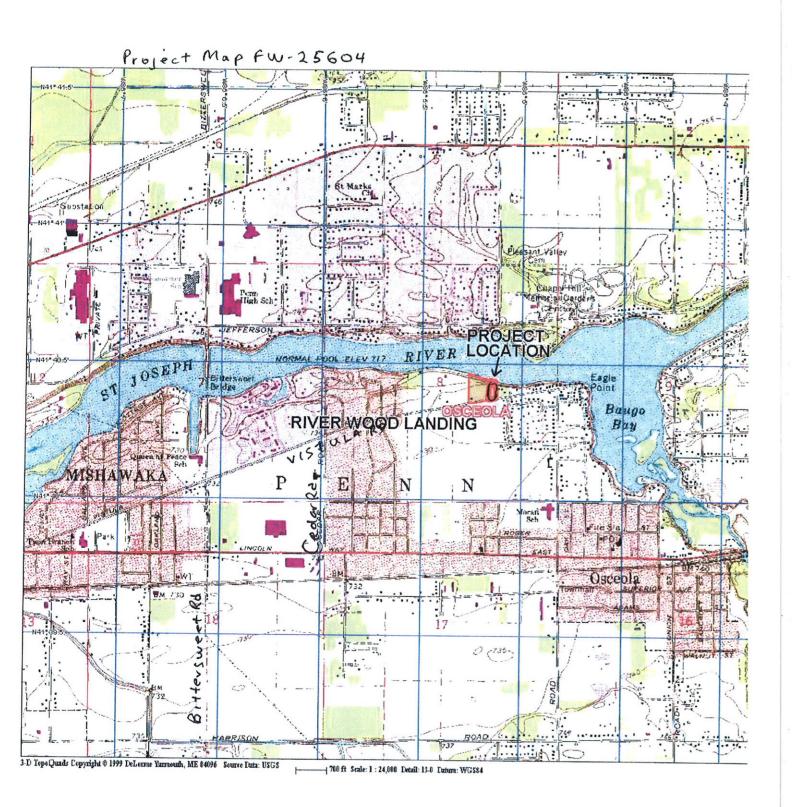
Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

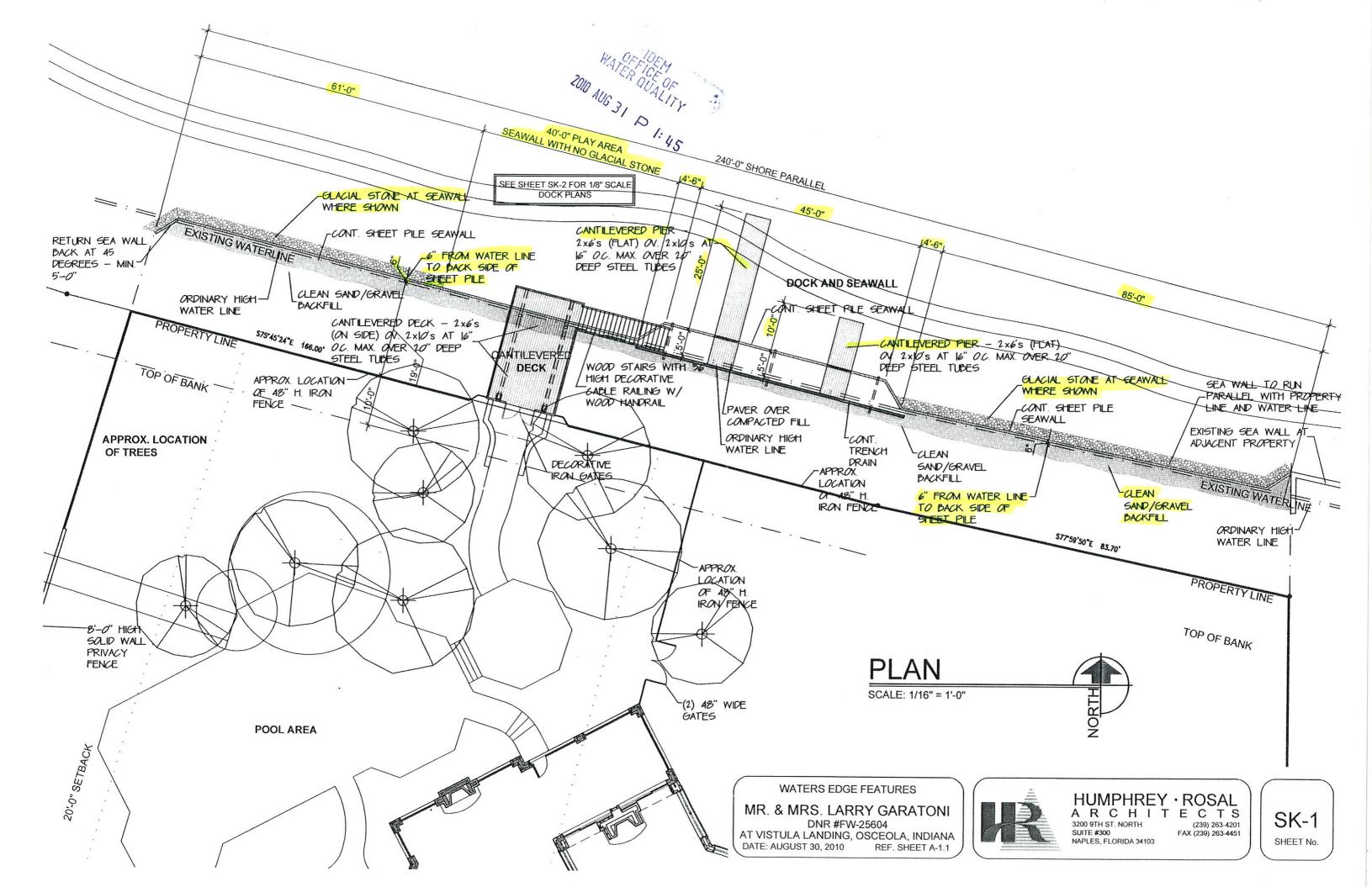
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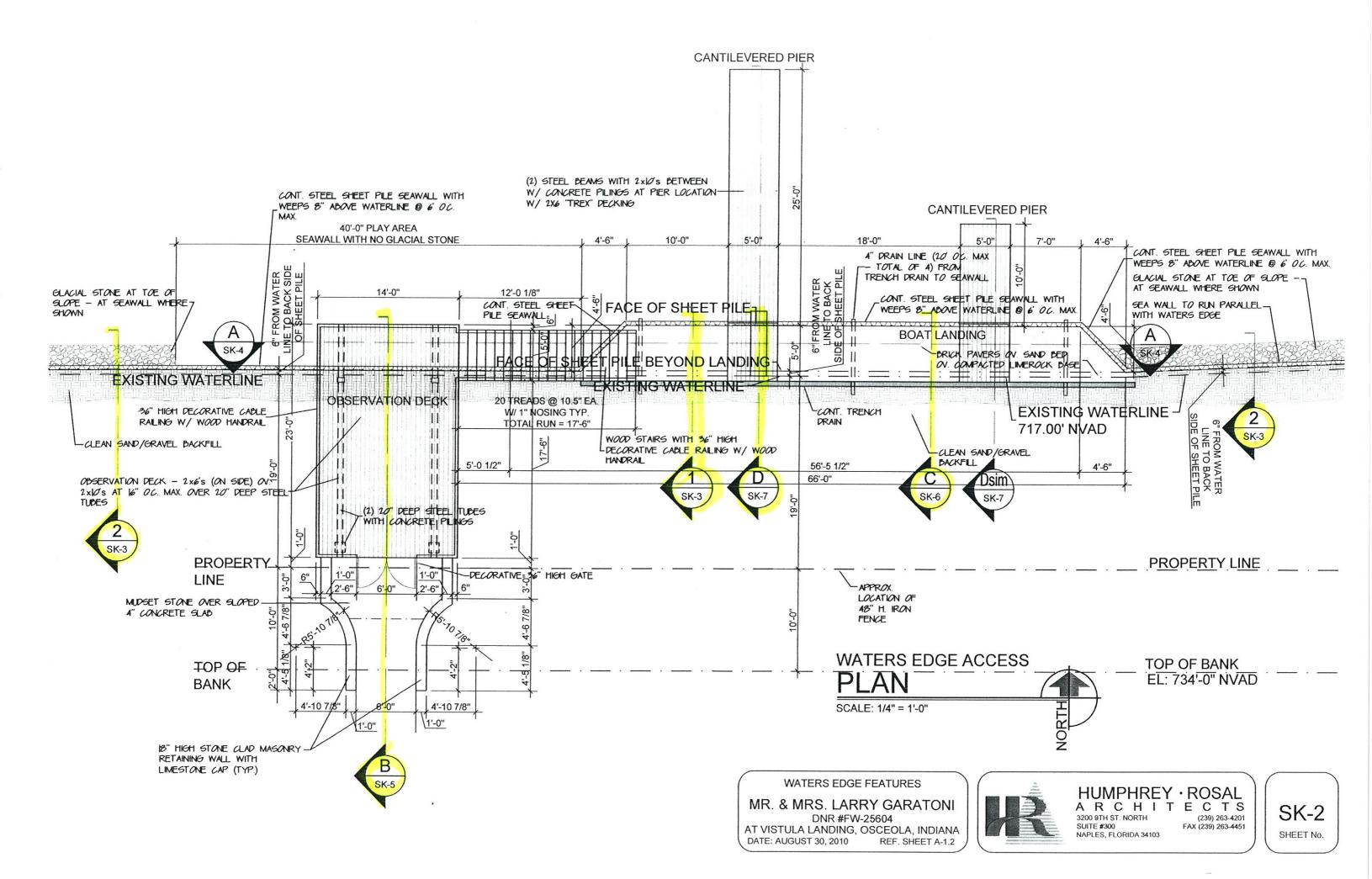
Additional information may be obtained from Ms. Liz Pelloso, Project Manager, at 317-233-2482. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

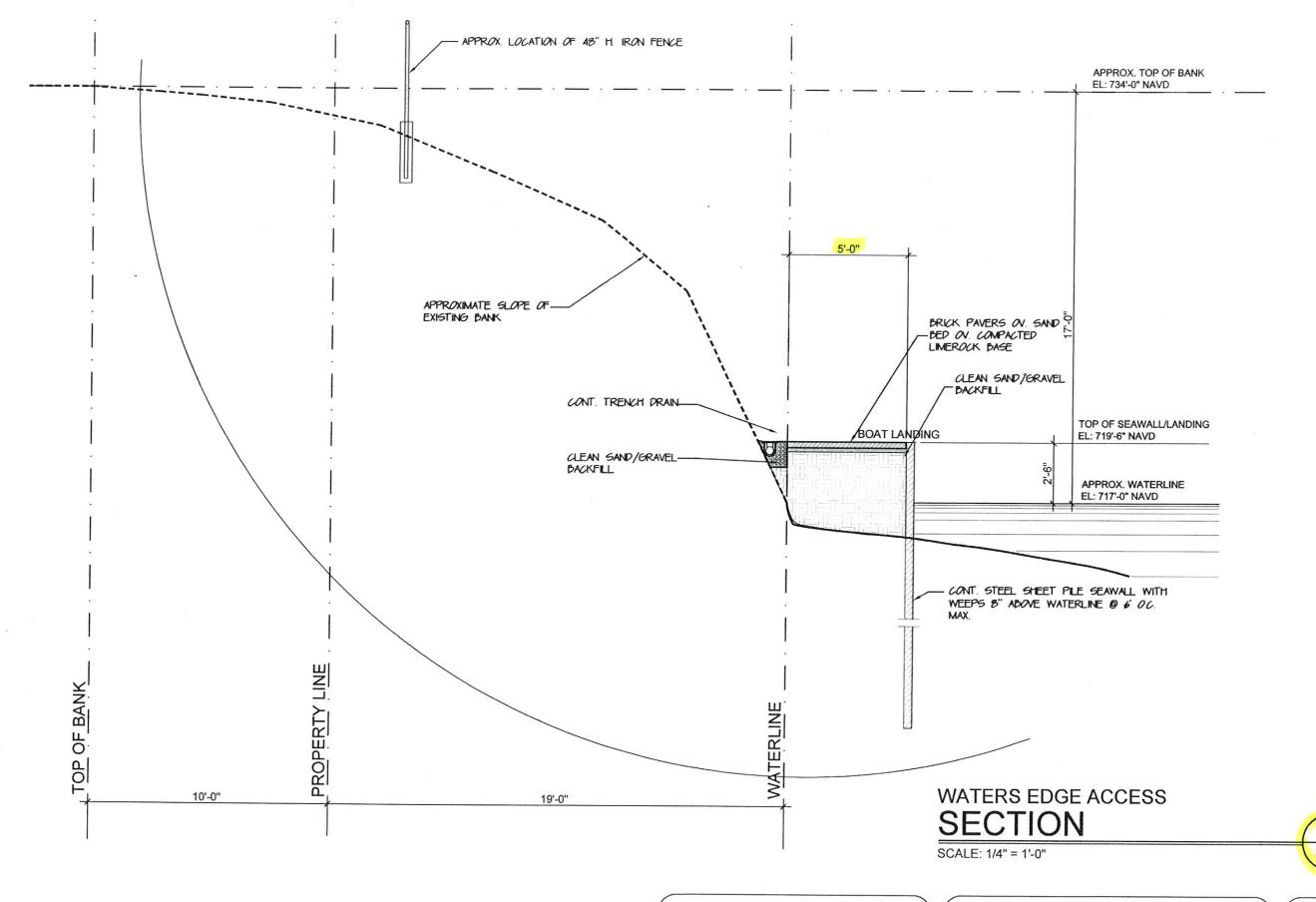
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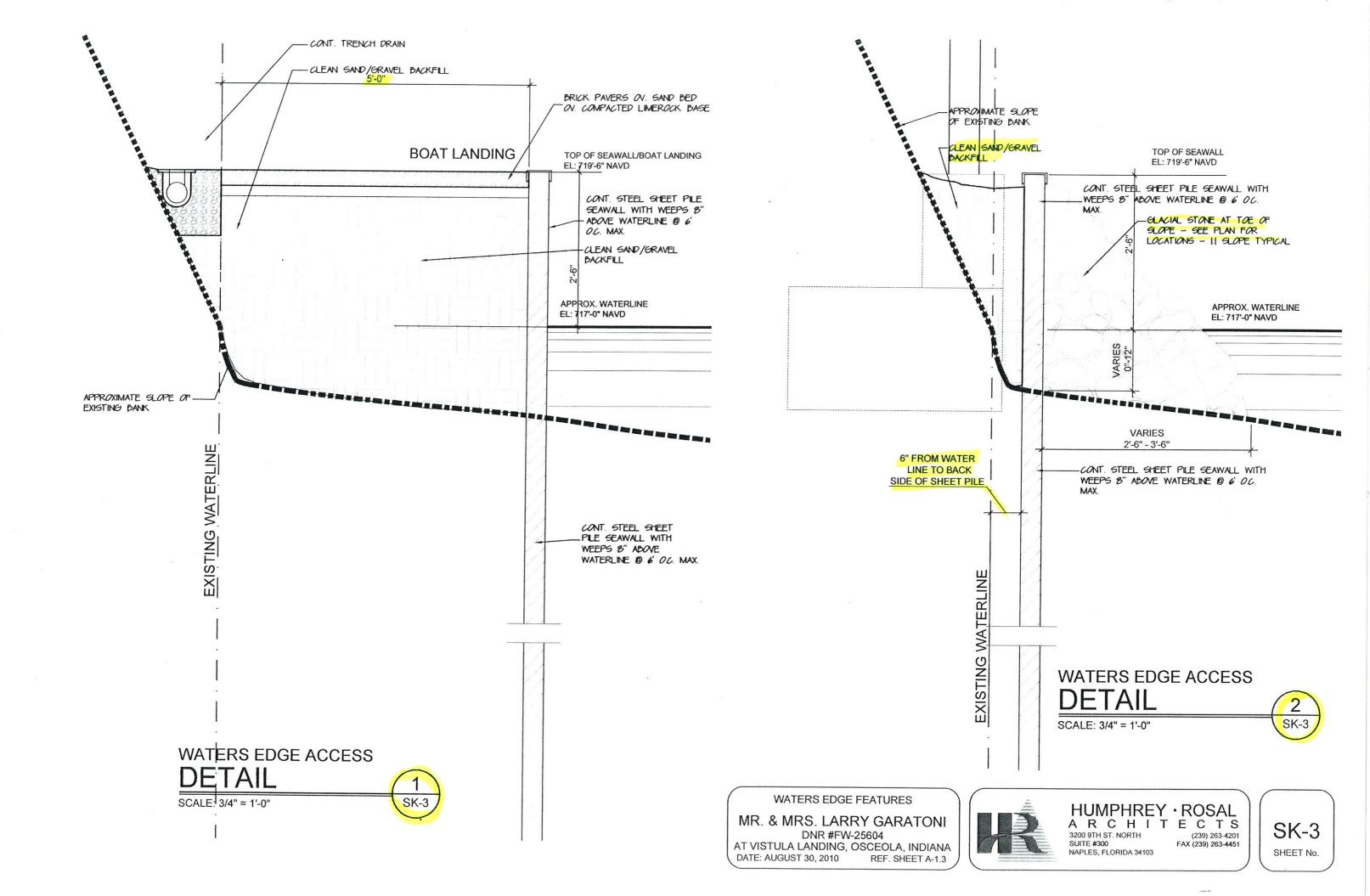
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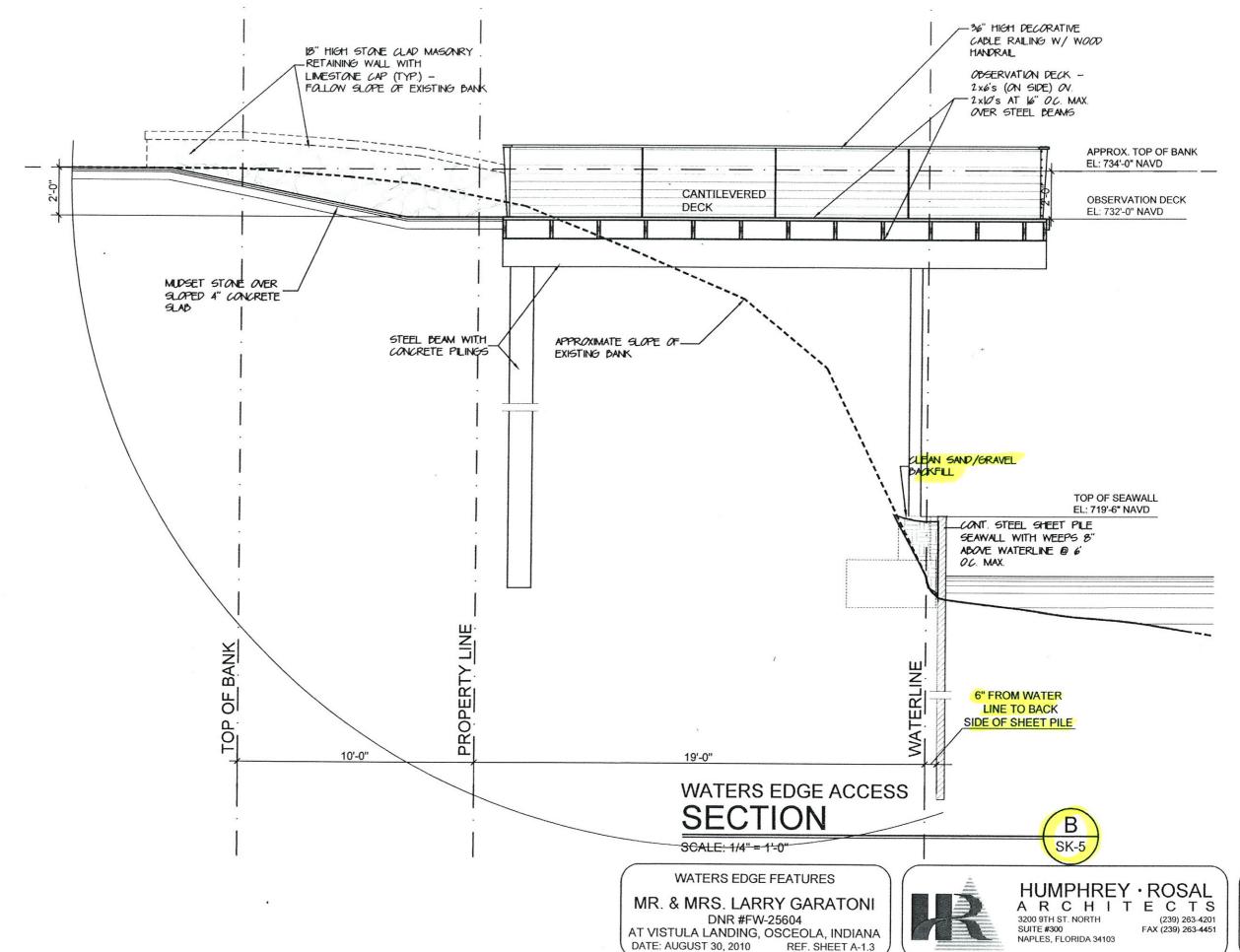
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